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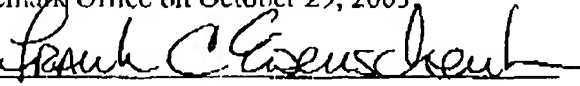
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In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated September 29, 2003 in the above-identified patent application, the Applicants hereby elect without traverse, for purposes of examination, Group I (claims 1-7 and 16), drawn to an isolated polynucleotide, host cell classified in class 536, subclass 23.7 and further drawn to SEQ ID NO: 49.

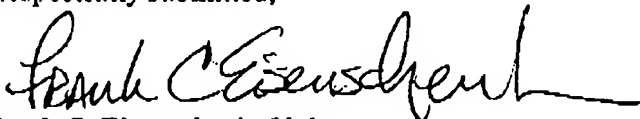
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